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Written Comment Sheet
McGregor Range Land Withdrawal Renewal
Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement

To: Dr. Andrew Vliet - FW 915-568-6643
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Alternative #3 should be chosen as it would allow the withdrawn area to be used as public land in which the primary usage would be cattle grazing as a producing economic unit. By removing military usage in this area it will allow the area to return to and maintain it's esthetic value but still maintain an economic value. Ft. Bliss has sufficient training area without the mesa.

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TO: Dr Andrew Vliet - Fax # (915) 568-6643

FROM: Martha Coody

DATE: 2/2/99

SUBJECT: Legislative Environmental Impact Statement

COMMENTS ABOUT THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT:

*On the page to follow are my comments on the
L.E.I.S. for McGregor Range, New Mexico, Land
Withdrawal Renewal. Please include them in your
final L.E.I.S.*

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Dear Dr Vliet:

I am writing in regards to the L.E.I.S for McGregor Range, New Mexico, Land Withdrawal Renewal, and would like to have my comments included in your decision in the final LEIS. I support Alternative 3. I appreciate the fact that a lot of McGregor Range is important for military training, especially in the area of advanced weapon systems such as the Patriot missile. Exercises such as Boeing Sands are also important.

However, the Otero Mesa and Sacramento Mountains foothills are exceptionally pristine grasslands and must be preserved. Under Alternative 3 the military would still have the use of 429325 acres of land for their training purposes. This land is much less productive and fragile than the Mesa and foothills. Therefore, the military could continue their activities and at the same time a very special area could be better preserved and protected for the public.

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I would prefer the range be
turned back in its entirety But
that is probably not feasible —

My suggestion would be
Alternative # 3

Thank You
Stephen L. Griffin

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The Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen represents approximately 1500 outdoors-oriented men and women in the Las Cruces area. We support Alternative #3 for the proposed withdrawal. It is our position that there are adequate areas in the Tularosa basin to carry out military objectives, including the proposed bombing range. However, recognizing the past history of McGregor Range, we feel that the chance of the military returning the Otero Mesa/Sacramento Foothills portion of the range to public ownership is remote.

Therefore, our secondary position on this issue is that, assuming the Otero Mesa and Sacramento Foothills area is again withdrawn, that the military be required, under the agreement, to act cooperatively with the Bureau of Land Management, NM Department of Game and Fish, and Forest Service to insure that this portion of the range is not degraded or contaminated. Further, our organization strongly feels that public access to the range for recreational purposes, including hunting, should be guaranteed as part of the withdrawal. Under no circumstances should any military activity be allowed which would preclude the use of this area by the public. All such activities should be confined to areas west of the escarpment which are already degraded and off-limits to the public.

Finally, it should be noted that, at some point in the future, however distant, this area, as well as all other military installations, will be used for other purposes. It should be a matter of policy that the military, or any other contaminating entity, be required to "clean up their mess" as it occurs rather than let these areas be an on-going dumping ground for potentially highly dangerous materials and explosives. We must not jeopardize the well-being of future generations and their quality of life because of our own present short-sightedness.

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